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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, CO, US
SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE US

REF: BOGOTA 2735

1. THE RECENT VISIT BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES VANIK, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, AND CONGRESSMAN GUY VANDER JAGT, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, PROVIDED A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR A BROAD OVERVIEW OF OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS (REFTEL), AND ALSO EMPHASIZED THE DEGREE TO WHICH MINOR ISSUES CAN COLOR OUR ENTIRE RELATIONSHIP. FOR INSTANCE, THE RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS TO THE US OF MEN'S SUITS UNDER THE BILATERAL TEXAMENT (CATEGORY 120), WAS REPEATEDLY MENTIONED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM PROEXPO AND INCOMEX. THIS RESTRICTION IS OBVIOUSLY UPPER MOST IN THEIR MINDS AND PROBABLY MORE THAN ANY OTHER ISSUE CREATES THE IMPRESSION IN COLOMBIA THAT THE UNITED STATES IS BEING HIGHLY PROTECTIONIST AND DISCRIMINATORY.

2. AS MENTIONED IN THE PARM, COLOMBIA IS ENTERING A PERIOD IN WHICH MINOR ISSUES ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE
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SEIZED UPON AND BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION. THE OPTIMISM ABOUT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION MENTIONED IN REFTEL COULD EASILY TURN TO FRUSTRATION IF THE US REMAINS INFLEXIBLE. AS REGARDS LOOSENING RESTRICTIONS IN IMPORTS OF ITEMS PRODUCED BY KEY COLOMBIAN INDUSTRIES IN WHICH COLOMBIA IS AN EFFICIENT AND LOW COST PRODUCER. WHILE COLOMBIANS LIVE IN A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM THEMSELVES AND CAN UNDERSTAND

OUR PROBLEMS BETTER THAN MOST COUNTRIES, THE QUANTITIES INVOLVED IN CATEGORY 120 ARE SO MINISCULE FOR OUR ECONOMY THAT THEY INTERPRET OUR INFLEXIBILITY AS REFLECTING A CALLOUS INDIFFERENCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, FLEXIBILITY IN DEALING WITH THIS CATEGORY AND IN RESPONDING TO FUTURE COLOMBIAN REQUESTS FOR ADMUSTMENTS IN THEIR VERY SMALL TEXTILE QUOTAS WILL GO FAR IN SETTING THE TONE OF HARMONIOUS BILATERAL RELATIONS.

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